



North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
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North Carolina Forest Service

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Mission & Responsibilities

The mission of the North Carolina Forest Service is to protect, manage and promote forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina. NCFS is responsible for protecting the 18.3 million acres of state and privately-owned forestland from forest fires, forest pests and diseases; regulating certain open burning; and providing forestry services and advice to owners and operators of forestland. NCFS also provides emergency response resources and expertise for all-risk incidents, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice and snow storms, and infectious diseases.

History of Division

In 1777 the first North Carolina forest fire protection law was enacted. The Forestry Division was created in 1908 as part of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey. In 1921, the North Carolina Legislature appropriated the first funds - less than \$3,000 - for fire protection. In 1955, North Carolina signed a compact with other southern states for mutual aid in fighting forest fires. Fourteen years later, North Carolina became the first state to receive legislative authority and funding to provide forestation work for landowners. In 2010, the Division was transferred from NCDENR to NCDA&CS.

Number of Employees and Assigned Areas

NCFS has 672 full-time positions and 87 seasonal positions; 94 percent of all positions are field positions. Position types include - Foresters, Forest Technicians, Law Enforcement, Mechanics, Forest Fire Equipment Operators, Pilots, Radio Engineers, and Administrative and Clerical. NCFS is divided into program and geographical areas. Program delivery is provided at the local level in all 100 counties through a cooperative program with county governments.

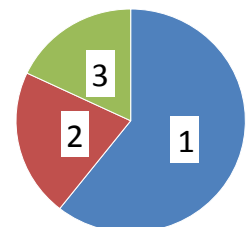
2011-2012 Accomplishments

- 3,260 forest fires suppressed impacting 11,807 acres
- 5,292 homes and structures protected from forest fires with an estimated value of \$692,919,556
- 17,517,708 acres were surveyed to detect destructive forest pests and storm damage
- 208,008 permits issued to regulate certain open burning
- Forestry services provided to 1,651 landowners on 50,471 acres of forest land
- 6,743 forest management plans provided to private forest landowners covering 365,002 acres
- 57,712 of acres reforested with a projected \$280 million in delivered value (2012 dollars)
- 145 personnel dispatched to assist with management of all risk incidents
- 346,869 visitors to state forests
- Participated in 1,659 fire prevention and forest management educational events
- 6,397 forestry inspections conducted to protect water quality on 171,234 acres

FY 2011-2012 Sources of Funding

- 1. Appropriations, 61% - \$36,354,363**
 - 2. Non-Federal Receipts*, 21% - \$12,833,345**
 - 3. Federal Receipts, 18% - \$10,784,877**
- Total Budget: \$59,972,585**

*The majority of non-federal receipts are collected through a cooperative program with county governments. Receipts are not collected unless matching appropriations are first spent.



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